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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: UNEF

1. WHEN AMB BENNETT CALLED ON SYG AM NOV 6 ON ANOTHER MATTER, SYG SHOWED HIM A DRAFT LETTER FROM THE SYG TO THE SC PRES INFORMING SC THAT US AND USSR ARE EACH PROVIDING A GROUP OF OBSERVERS FOR SERVICE WITH UNTSO OF UP TO THE 36-MAN SIZE OF THE LARGEST UNTSO CONTINGENT (SWEDISH). BENNETT ASKED THAT SYG LETTER TO MAKE CLEAR THAT SIZE OF NEITHER GROUP WILL EXCEED NUMBER OF LARGEST NATIONAL CONTINGENT. SYG AGREED TO DO SO. SYG ALSO OBSERVED THAT NEITHER HE NOR SIILAASVUO HAD MUCH OF AN IDEA OF WHAT COULD BE DONE WITH THESE TWO GROUPS OF UNTSO OBSERVERS, AND BOTH HE AND URGUHART LATER MADE IT CLEAR THEY LOOKED ON ENTRY OF SOVIETS INTO UNTSO WITH FOREBODING AND CONSIDERED IT WOULD POLITICIZE THAT ORGANIZATION.

2. SYG SAID THAT USSR AMB MALIK HAD CALLED ON HIM
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5 NOV AND AT FIRST HAD BEEN UNHAPPY THAT SYG CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY TO SEND LETTER TO PRES ON US AND USSR OBSERVERS. SYG HAD MADE CLEAR TO MALIK THAT HE WAS NOT ASKING SC FOR AUTHORIZATION, THAT

HAVING ALREADY BEEN GIVEN BY SC RES 339, BUT MERELY INFORMING THE SC.

3. BENNETT ADVISED SYG THAT LATEST MESSAGE FROM OUR EMB IN MONROVIA IS THAT LIBERIA WOULD IN FACT RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO A REQUEST BY THE SYG FOR A LIBERIAN UNEF CONTINGENT, PROVIDED THAT EGYPT AND ISRAEL WOULD AGREE TO LIBERIANS. THE SYG WAS GLAD TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION BUT SAID HE DID NOT INTEND TO ASK FOR ADDITIONAL CONTINGENTS UNTIL ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN COMPLETED REGARDING THE SEVEN NAMED COUNTRIES IN THE SC CONSENSUS OF 2 NOV. WALDHEIM SAID THAT GENERAL SIILAASVUO STILL HAS NO PROPERLY FUNCTIONING HEADQUARTERS (A NO-WATER HOTEL SUITE IN HELWAN HAVING BEEN OFFERED) AND NO LOGISTIC SUPPORT AND HAD APPEALED TO THE SYG TO SEND NO FURTHER FORCES UNTIL PROGRESS MADE ON THESE POINTS.

4. THE SYG ASKED BENNETT THAT THE US USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH ISRAEL IN SEEKING GOI COOPERATION WITH UNEF. WALDHEIM SAID THAT TEKOA APPARENTLY STILL HAS HIS OLD INSTRUCTIONS UNDER WHICH THE GOI WOULD REFUSE TO ACCEPT TROOPS OF COUNTRIES NOT HAVING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

5. THE SYG SAID THAT THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND IS, IN HIS VIEW, GROWING MORE AND MORE DANGEROUS. HE THOUGHT WE WOULD UNDERSTAND HIS CONCERN OVER UNEF CONTINGENTS BEING SQUEEZED IN BETWEEN TWO INCREASINGLY HEAVILY ARMED FORCES.
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